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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Call Number	WSU.0051
Repository	Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University
Location	Learning Resource Center, L-328A
Title	Worcester State University Urban Action Institute Collection
Date range	1980-2017, bulk 1997-2010
Extent:	10 linear feet; 19 boxes.
Creator(s)	Faculty and staff of Worcester State University's Urban Action Institute.
Language(s)	English
Abstract	Collection documents administration and programming of Worcester State University's Urban Action Institute from its founding to 2017.

ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

Physical Access	Materials are available for use only in the Archives Reading Room (L-328A). Materials are fragile and must be handled with care. Users must handle materials with clean hands.
Copyright and ownership	Researchers are responsible to obtain appropriate permissions before republishing materials under copyright.
Citation format	[Box/folder] Worcester State University Urban Action Institute Collection, Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University Library, Worcester State University.

ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

Accession number(s)	
Provenance	Materials were collected and organized by various personnel of the Urban Action Institute and held in the institute's campus office. The collection was transferred to the WSU Archives in the spring of 2023.
Processing information	The collection arrived with original order present at the folder level. Materials were organized in series and placed in acid-free folders and boxes. Duplicates and a small portion of student and employee record materials were not retained. Photos and AV materials remain in their original containers and should be re-sleeved in the future. CDs, VHS tapes and other archaic formats should be reformatted.
Biographical and historical information	Founded as the Intergenerational Urban Institute as an arm of Worcester State University's Urban Studies Department, the Institute's early programming centered largely around elder advocacy; gerontology; and intergenerational programming bringing together elder community members, teens, and school-age children; and special programs for elder Worcester State Students. As the Urban Action Institute, programming today includes multi format programming encompassing education; equity and social justice; intergenerational solidarity; and global citizenship.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Collection documents more than 30 years of programming by the Institute as well as its development as an organization. Included are audiovisual materials and photographs; clippings; correspondence; event fliers, reference materials, and reports. The Institute was dedicated to preserving its own history so existing program archives are preserved intact in the collection. The photographic materials are particularly rich.

ARRANGEMENT

SERIES I Administration, 1984-2015
Includes materials related to administration of the Institute including awards; clubs and organizations with which the Institute was involved; financial records; grants and reports; personnel-related materials, and program evaluations.

SERIES II Audiovisual and Photographs, 1997-2017
Includes audiovisual and photographic documentation of particular events and programs including some on archaic formats that may be of limited accessibility. Note: the Photographs series includes largely unidentified subjects.

SERIES III Clippings, 1980-2016
Includes an archive of clippings related to the Institute's personnel and programming.

SERIES IV Events and Programs, 1985-2016
Includes correspondence; evaluations; financial reports; fliers; and some limited photographic documentation of events and programs.

SERIES V People, 1988-2002
Includes articles; clippings; correspondence; and photographs related to personnel or other individuals closely associated with the Institute or its programs.

SERIES VI Photographs, 1994-2000
Includes largely unidentified events and subjects from existing photograph collections kept by the Institute.

ACCESS POINTS

Terms below correspond to Library of Congress name or subject headings.

People

Aschkenase, Thea
Power, Maureen E. (Maureen Ellen)

Organizations

Worcester State College
Worcester State University

Subjects

Gerontology

Urban Studies

SERIES

Administration

OS3.10

Awards; 2003-2006

1.1

Advisory Council, 1984, n.d.

1.2

Awards; Generations United Programs, n.d.

OS3.11

Awards; Irving Yarock Award, 2003

1.3

Awards; Victory Against Hunger, 2005

1.4

Clubs and Organizations; Elder Advocates, 1984-1986, n.d [1]

1.5

Clubs and Organizations; Elder Advocates, 1984-1986, n.d. [2]

1.6

Clubs and Organizations; Elder Advocates; Attendance and Dues, 1984-1986, n.d.

1.7

Clubs and Organizations; Elder Advocates; "The Elder Collegiate", 1992-1997

1.8

Clubs and Organizations; Elder Collection Club, n.d.

OS3.12

Ephemera; pins, n.d.

1.9

Evaluations; Elder Service Program, 1997

1.10

Evaluations; Team Parent Mentoring, 1995

1.11

Financial Records, 2007-2009

1.12

Grants; 1997

1.13

Grants, CBO, 1998

1.14

Grants and Reports; AGHE-Pitt, 1997-1998

1.15

Grants and Reports; Americorps, 1994

2.1

Grants and Reports; Annual Reports, 1994-2000

2.2

Grants and Reports; Commonwealth Corps, 2008-2010

2.3

Grants and Reports; Community Fellows, 2009

2.4

Grants and Reports; Community Service Learning, 2007, n.d.

2.5

Grants and Reports; Cope, 2003, n.d.

2.6

Grants and Reports; Elder Service, 1998

2.7

Grants and Reports; Ending Hunger Together, 2009

2.8

Grants and Reports; Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, 2000

2.9

Grants and Reports; Greater Worcester, 2008

2.10 Grants and Reports; H.R. Development, n.d.
2.11 Grants and Reports; Massachusetts Service Alliance, 1999
2.12 Grants and Reports; Mini Grants, 2005
3.1 Grants and Reports; Mini Grants, 2010-2011
3.2 Grants and Reports; Mini Grants; Faculty, 2002-2015
3.3 Grants and Reports; Program review, 2014
3.4 Grants and Reports; Project Bread, 2005
3.5 Grants and Reports; Rotary Service, 2004
3.6 Grants and Reports; Senior Serve, 1997-1999
3.7 Grants and Reports; Senior Serve; Site Visit, 1998
3.8 Grants and Reports; South High, 2007
3.9 Grants and Reports; Teen Parents, 1996-1997, n.d. [1]
3.10 Grants and Reports; Teen Parents, 1996-1997, n.d. [2]
3.11 Grants and Reports; Teen Parents, 1996-1997, n.d. [3]
4.1 Grants and Reports; Teen Parents, 1996-1997, n.d. [4]
4.2 Grants and Reports; Teen Parents, 1998-1999
4.4 Grants and Reports; Worcester Community Foundation, 1999
4.3 Grants and Reports; Worcester Schools, 2008
4.5 Grants and Reports; YWCA, 1998
4.6 Personnel and students, Mack, Julia; 1986-1993, n.d.
4.7 Photograph Releases, 2013
4.8 Program Binder, 1995-1997, n.d.
4.9 Web Page, n.d.

SERIES II Audiovisual and Photographs

5.1 2004
5.2 2004, n.d.
OS2.3 Cassettes; Kids Count, unknown; 2009, n.d.
7.3 Computer disks, n.d.
OS2.1 Elder Immigrant, Teen Parenting; 1997, n.d.
5.5 Elder Students, n.d.
OS2.2 Lapp, Francis Moore, unknown, 2004, n.d.
5.5 n.d.
5.4 Other, 2017, n.d. [1]
6.1 Other, 2017, n.d. [2]
6.2 Urban Studies, 2004-2006, n.d.
OS2.4 VHS, n.d.

SERIES III	Clippings
6.3	1980-1989
6.4	1990-1999
6.5	2000-2009
7.1	2010-2016
7.2	n.d.
OS3.5	Aschkenase, Thea; 2004
OS3.9	Power, Maureen; 2007
SERIES IV	Events and Programs
OS3.6	2006-2013
7.4	2007-2011, n.d.
OS3.8	2011-2015; n.d.
7.5	An Environment for all Ages; 2002
7.6	Appreciative Inquiry Class; 2002
7.7	Archive, 1985-2013 [1]
7.8	Archive, 1985-2013 [2]
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OS3.7	Aschkenase, Thea; n.d.
8.1	Celebration of Service, 2003-2012
8.2	Celebration of Service; n.d.
8.3	Christmas; 2012
8.4	Community Garden, 2015, n.d.
8.5	Elder Advocates; 2002, n.d.
8.6	Elder Advocates; Correspondence, 1984-n.d.
8.7	Elder Immigrants, 1997-1999, n.d.
8.8	Elder Immigrants, 1999
9.1	Elder Week, 1993, n.d.
9.2	Empty Bowls, 2009
9.3	Food Stamps Outreach, 2004
9.4	Fliers and Pamphlets, 1985-2016,
9.5	Generation at 50, 2018
9.6	Gerontology, 1990-1992
9.7	Gerontology, 1996-1999
10.1	Gerontology, 2000-2004, n.d.
10.2	Gerontology; Report, 1983-1991

10.3 Gerontology Studies, 1983-1999
 10.4 Got Food?, 2008
 10.5 Grandparents, 2013
 10.6 Hunger Free Worcester, n.d.
 10.7 Immigrant Luncheon; 2002
 10.8 Mentoring photos, 1997
 10.9 Mentoring, 1998, n.d. [1]
 10.10 Mentoring, 1998, n.d. [2]
 11.1 Moving Together..., 1994
 11.2 Other, n.d. [1]
 11.3 Other, n.d. [2]
 11.4 Other, n.d. [3]
 11.5 Other, n.d. [4]
OS3.5 Other, n.d. [5]
 12.1 Other, 1986-2010 [1]
 12.2 Other, 1986-2010 [2]
 12.3 Other Agencies, 2000-2005
 12.4 Senior Community Service, 2007
 12.5 Senior Web Seminar, 202-2003, n.d.
 12.6 Sustainability Fair, 2012, n.d.
 12.7 Teaching Garden, 2013
 12.8 Teen Dinner, 1998
 12.9 Toast of the Town; 2003
 12.10 Urban Studies Dinner; 2003
 13.1 YWCA get together, 1997
 13.2 YWCA; Mentoring Makeovers, n.d.
 13.3 YWCA; Movements, 1998
 13.4 YWCA; Sharon, n.d.
 13.5 Victory Against Hunger, 2005
 13.6 WSU, 1983-2011, n.d.
 13.7 A-F, n.d.
 13.8 G-S, 1998

SERIES V

People

14.1 Aschkenase, Thea; 2002-2013
 14.2 Aschkenase, Thea, correspondence, 2009-2014
 14.3 Aschkenase, Thea, correspondence, 2009-2011
 14.4 Aschkenase, Thea, correspondence, 2010-2013

14.5 Aschkenase, Thea; correspondence, 2012
15.1 Aschkenase, Thea, thank you notes, 2006-2010, n.d.
15.2 Aschkenase, Thea, thank you notes, 2008-2013, n.d.
15.3 Aschkenase, Thea, thank you notes, 2009-2011, n.d.
OS3.3 Aschkenase, Thea, thank you notes, 2010,, n.d.
15.4 Chandler, Harriett, 1996
15.5 Courtmanche, Delores, n.d.
15.6 Diegnan, Evelyn, 1993
15.7 Diegnan family, 1988-2002
15.8 Power, Maureen, 1994-2003

SERIES VI Photographs

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OS1.1 Other, 2000
OS1.2 Other, n.d. [1]
OS1.3 Other, n.d. [2]
OS1.4 Other, n.d. [3]
16.5 Other, n.d. [4]
OS3.1 Other, n.d. [5]
OS3.2 Other, n.d. [6]
OS3.4 Student Portraits; n.d.